

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:	Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	February 18, 2003
Place of Meeting:	Community Center, Rooms 7 & 8

**I. CALL TO ORDER
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Burns called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Jim Burns, Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Carlos Fabregas, Bakshish Sandhu, Albert Wang, Denny Weisgerber, and Joanne Wood.

Commissioners Absent: Steve Lu

Alternates Present: Frances Woodworth and Amanda Santos.
Frances Woodworth was seated for Steve Lu.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Althea Polanski

Staff Present: Kathleen Yurchak, Senior Center Supervisor

II. MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2003, Commission meeting. Alternate Woodworth stated that the spelling of her name on Page 1 under Citizens Forum is incorrect and that it be corrected to read "Frances". Under item 2., Senior Advisory Commission Project Updates, she stated that the "Montague" reference is incorrect and should be replaced with "Monte Vista Apartments".

M/S: Banick/Daquigan

Ayes: Unanimous

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Senior Center Supervisor, Yurchak, read through the Financial Report.

MOTION to approve the Financial Report of January 31, 2003, as submitted.

M/S: Weisgerber/Wood

Mr. Arthur Swanson asked which report he could review to see any recycling dollars deposits to the Nutrition Site Council budget. Supervisor Yurchak indicated that a budget report with that

information is presented at the Nutrition Site Council meeting and can be obtained at that meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous

IV. CITIZENS FORUM

Joyce Dovlet, requested that an item be added for the next Commission meeting agenda; Request for a donation, not to exceed \$100 from the Senior Advisory Commission budget, to match the Nutrition Site Council donation of \$100 for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Nutrition Program.

MOTION to place the item on the next Agenda.

M/S: Wood/Fabregas

Ayes: Unanimous

Ms. Dovlet advised that Congressman Michael Honda would be at the Community Center on Thursday, February 20, from 12:30 until 1:30 to discuss State budget cuts.

Ms. Dovlet, and Commissioners Fabregas and Santos voiced complaints about the Paratransit Outreach. Sura Weiner reminded those present that the Paratransit Outreach program is not intended to serve as someone's private chauffeur. After some discussion of service, Councilperson Polanski indicated she would get the name of the contact person to whom the complaints should be given and will report that information back to the Commission and staff. She asked staff to get that information out to those who are interested.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Center Supervisor, Yurchak read the announcements as noted on page 1 of the agenda.

Chief Charles Lawson reported that the Milpitas patrols are operating under orange alert but that business is proceeding as usual. There are 22 spot checks in areas thought to be potential threats. Additionally, he reported that there are 15 senior volunteers working at the Great Mall Police sub station.

In response to Chairperson Burns regarding information about the orange alert, Chief Lawson stated that the best up to the minute information can be gotten on CNN television.

VI. AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the Agenda for February 18, 2003, Commission meeting, as submitted.

M/S: Wood/Fabregas
Ayes: Unanimous

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Issues Projects Update

Supervisor Yurchak read the report on page 3 of the agenda. The City Council approved the Subcommittee's recommendation for the installation of modulars and authorized improvements at the Sal Cracolice building. Five (5) modulars are being moved in front of the building in line with and toward the right of the glass doors. An estimated additional 3,500 square feet will be made available for senior activities; improvements to the kitchen, roof, doors and restrooms will also be made to the existing building bringing it up to code.

Note, Receipt and file.

Councilmember Polanski reported that City Council discussed the Commission's request for a senior seated on the Subcommittee. Council decided not to add a senior to the Subcommittee.

In response to a question from Arthur Swanson, Supervisor Yurchak reported that the problem with air circulation in the activities room in the Sal Cracolice building might improve when work is done on the roof.

2. Senior Advisory Commission Project Updates

Chairperson Burns reminded the Commission that they should consider developing a timeline for implementing timelines to assure completion of identified tasks. Commissioners should start identifying projects they are working on and timelines and schedule a report on that information.

Mary Banick, facilitator of the Senior Services and Programs Task Force, reported she tried to contact Mark Rogge regarding new information and timelines. After the last meeting, the four #1 priorities are: the new senior center, Index #2 -- interim senior center population relocation to a new site, Index #13 -- the annual operating budget for senior services offered by the City of Milpitas and Index #18 -- volunteer program, manpower requirements at the Milpitas Senior Center.

Denny Weisgerber, facilitator of the Transportation Task Force, stated that there is no new information from his task force. He will follow up on the questions that came up earlier today in the meeting about the Transportation Outreach Program.

Frances Woodworth, facilitator of the Housing/Senior Center, listed the priorities. The Priority #1 items are: planning for senior housing options; research public and private incentives partnerships and Permanent City Council Housing Needs Advisory Committee. Priority #2 is a waiting list at existing Senior Housing Facilities. Priority #3 items are: affordable rental housing review, plan new senior housing and conversion, and California laws on low income vs. senior housing rentals. She spoke with Felix Reliford of the City staff. The population over age 75 is 1,534 and there are only 1,532 affordable housing units available. There is a 4-year waiting list at Terrace Gardens.

Commissioner Fabregas expressed his concern and reported that he believes there are over 100 homeless persons in the City without a place to go.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer to serve Through January, 2004

Chairperson Burns opened nominations for Chairperson.

MOTION: Nomination of Denny Weisgerber for Chairperson.

M/S: Woodworth/Daquigan

Ayes: Unanimous

At 2:30pm, Chairperson Weisgerber began conducting the Meeting.

Chairperson Weisgerber opened nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Nomination of Steve Lu for Vice Chair.

M/S: Daquigan/Banick

Ayes: Unanimous

Chairperson Weisgerber opened nominations for Treasurer.

MOTION: Nomination of Bal Daquigan for Treasurer.

M/S. Banick/Wang

Ayes: Unanimous

2. City of Milpitas 50th Anniversary Celebration

Supervisor Kathleen Yurchak read the background on page 3 of the agenda. The City Council requested one volunteer from the Commission to serve as a Committee member for the celebration.

MOTION: Nomination of Alternate Amanda Santos as the Commission's representative.

M/S: Burns/Woodworth

Ayes: Unanimous

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Supervisor Yurchak read through the report on page 2 of the agenda. She reported that the attendance at the Sunday Dances is low. She encouraged everyone to attend the May event because the attendance at the May event will be the deciding factor as to whether or not these events will be continued.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Roseann Costabile read through the report on page 2 of the agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

Councilmember Althea Polanski thanked Commissioner Jim Burns for his 3 years of excellent service as Chairperson to the Commission. She thanked Steve Lu for the great Chinese New Year celebration.

Councilmember Polanski stated that City Council approved \$45,000 to open access to the 3rd floor at City Hall for public access. All public records of Council meetings will be scanned into the computer for public access. All this is part of City Council's efforts to be more accessible to the public while keeping the security of the third floor employees.

The Governor is considering a moratorium on redevelopment agencies. The City is asking for an amendment to its redevelopment area. Council is looking at redevelopment funds for the dollars needed for the new Senior Center. Councilmember Polanski informed everyone that Congressman Michael Honda would be at the Community Center on Thursday, February 20th to meet and greet citizens from 12:30 – 1:30pm.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee

Frances Woodworth reported on the February COA meeting. Former Supervisor Rod Diridon spoke on the future of transportation in Santa Clara Valley. Mr. Diridon reported on Japan's bullet train, which runs 300 miles per hour and has not had any accidents in 38 years. Frances reported on the dollars it would take for high-speed rail and gave the schedule. For more information, contact California High Speed Rail Authority, 925 L. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 324-1541, or WWW.CAHIGHSPEEDRAIL.CA.GOV.

2.3 AARP

Joanne Wood reported that the January 20th meeting was held at Pioneer Mobile Home Park, 60 Wilson Way, off Milpitas Blvd. just past Dixon Landing Blvd. On March 14, there will be a St. Patrick's Dinner costing \$3.00.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Joyce Dovlet presented a Financial Report.

**2.5 Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Resources Comm.**

No report.

2.6 Arts Commission

No report.

XI. Adjournment

Chairperson Weisgerber indicated he will be out of town on March 18th, the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, and requested consideration to hold the meeting on March 11. Everyone agreed on the new date.

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2003, at the City Hall Committee Conference Room.

There being no further business, Chairperson Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Lindeman
Commission Secretary ProTem